

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action dated July 14, 2006. Claims 45 and 53 are amended. Claim 45 was amended to fix a typographical error identified by Applicants, namely removing an extra period at the end thereof. No claims are canceled or added. No new matter has been added. As a result, claims 36-72 remain pending in this patent application.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 53-59, 61, and 62 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Pohndorf (U.S. Patent No. 5,776,178). Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendment to claim 53 overcomes this rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this basis of rejection of claim 53 and claims 54-59, 61, and 62 dependent therefrom.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claim 60 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pohndorf (U.S. Patent No. 5,776,178) in view of Janke et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,240,321). Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendment to claim 53, from which claim 60 depends, overcomes this rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this basis of rejection of claim 60.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 36-52 and 63-72.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6951 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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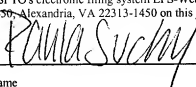
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